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TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

Utah Coal Regulatory Program

February 28, 2011

TO: Internal File
THRU: Ingrid Campbell, Lead
FROM: Priscilla Burton, Soil Scientist
RE: Penta Creek Lease Extension, West Ridge Resources, Inc., West Ridge Mine, C/007/0041, Task ID #3733

SUMMARY:

This amendment was received on February 1, 2011. According to the cover letter, the Penta Creek lease extension includes panels 18 – 21 situated in federal lease 78562 and Penta Creek fee lease area, as well as SITLA lease ML-51744. Map 5-4A illustrates the panels and shows that only a very small area of the SITLA lease ML 51744 is within the permit area boundary (less than 10 acres). This amendment will increase the lease acreage to 7316.62 acres. This lease extension does not include any surface disturbance, although the 1988 Carbon County Order III Soil Survey map has been included as Map 2-1 of the plan. There will be no surface disturbance and are no soils related issues with this application.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

There are no soils issues.